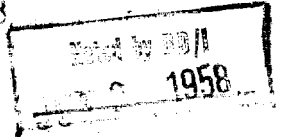


OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER OF MAY 30, 1958

TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER FROM CHAIRMAN KHRUSHCHEV



Dear Mr. President:

I have received your message dated May 24 in reply to my letter of May 9.

As in your preceding messages, I have, unfortunately, found no answer to such an urgent problem as that of immediate cessation of atomic and hydrogen weapons tests, which was the subject of my previous messages to you. There is no need to speak once again of the fact that, under present conditions, with no agreement among states possessing nuclear weapons as to the basic question--the necessity to cease without delay the testing of atomic and hydrogen bombs--a study by technical experts of the methods of detection of possible violations of an agreement on the cessation of nuclear tests may lead to a delay in the solution of the main problem, namely, that of a cessation of tests. This is a matter of serious concern to us. At this time, therefore, when we are

His Excellency

Dwight D. Eisenhower,

President of the United States of America,

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agreeing on convening a meeting of experts, it would be necessary to take steps toward having the work of the experts completed at the earliest possible date, to be established in advance.

We agree to your proposal that the experts should undertake their task within the next three weeks with a view to beginning the work as soon as possible.

In your reply you also express yourself in favor of instructing the experts to prepare a report on the first results of their work within 30 days, or as soon as possible after the expiration of that period.

The Soviet Government considers that in the interests of the earliest possible universal cessation of nuclear weapons tests it would be advisable to agree that the entire work of the experts be concluded within three or four weeks after the date of the beginning of the work of the conference and that within this period a final report of the experts, with their conclusions and findings, be submitted to the governments of those states whose experts take part in the conference.

Furthermore, you state that experts not only from the USSR and the USA might be designated but also from Great Britain and France and, possibly, from other countries which have specialists with a thorough knowledge in the field of detecting nuclear tests. The Soviet Government has no objection to this,

to this, and it proposes that experts from Czechoslovakia and Poland likewise take part in the work of the conference.

Nor does the Soviet Government consider that the work of the experts should be confined to this group of countries. Therefore it seems advisable to invite experts from India also, and possibly from certain other countries, to participate in the conference.

As to the site of the conference of experts, we do, of course, share the opinion that Geneva is a suitable place. However, we would prefer that this conference be held in Moscow. I can assure you, Mr. President, that all the facilities necessary for the experts to conduct their work will be provided in Moscow. The Soviet Government agrees to the proposal that the Security Council, as well as the UN General Assembly, be kept informed through the Secretary General as to the progress of the work of the conference of experts.

I hope, Mr. President, that the considerations I have presented will meet with a favorable attitude on your part.

Upon receiving a reply from you, the Soviet Government will communicate the list of experts from the Soviet Union who will participate in the said conference.

With sincere respect,

N. KHRUSHCHEV

May 30, 1958

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